

### REMARKS

Claims 1-20 have been cancelled without prejudice and new claims 21-24 have been added. Accordingly, claims 21 through 24 are pending in this application and in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-11 and 14-18 were rejected as unpatentable and claims 12, 13, 19 and 20 were objected to as dependent on rejected base claims but were characterized in the office action as allowable if rewritten in independent form. These objections are believed to be obviated in view of the foregoing amendments.

Claim 21 corresponds to the allowable subject matter of claim 12, rewritten in independent form, to overcome the objection.

Claim 22 corresponds to the allowable subject matter of claim 13, rewritten in independent form, to overcome the objection.

Claim 23 corresponds to the allowable subject matter of claim 19, rewritten in independent form, to overcome the objection.

Claim 24 corresponds to the allowable subject matter of claim 20, rewritten to overcome the objection.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

### **CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the present application is now believed to be in condition for allowance. The Examiner is asked to consider entering this response and amendment and pass the application to allowance.

Further and favorable consideration is requested.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees are required. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims or the additional of independent claims in excess of

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three) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 10-1213 and the undersigned is requested to be notified of any such charges.

Should the Examiner have any questions, she is requested to contact the undersigned.

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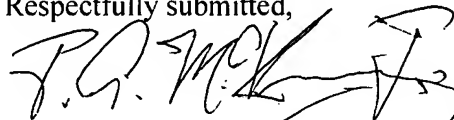
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Respectfully submitted,

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